

**WORKING GROUP TO COMBAT DRUG COUNTERFEITING (WG/CDC)  
II MEETING. MEXICO CITY. 8-9 AUGUST, 2003  
MINUTES**

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**1. Update on PANDRH, the SC and Working Groups. *Rosario D'Alessio***

An update on PANDRH activities including the last meeting of the SC and other working groups was presented. The first page of PANDRH website was presented emphasizing that people outside PANDRH WGs can have access to the information through the internet.

**2. Background Information on the Status of the WG/Combat to Drug Counterfeit. *Maria da Graça Hofmeister***

The Coordinator presented a brief report on the work being done by the WG/CC until the Conference and invited each member to present update information on the country situation in drug counterfeiting. Members reviewed the plan of work prepared in the previous meeting of the Group that was approved by the III Conference. Special attention was made to the specific tasks under the responsibility of the WG/CC. Annexes # 1 & 2 are the presentation from *María Graça*, from Brazil and *Carlos Chiale* from Argentina

### 3. Plan of Work

Members agreed on the Mission statement and the objectives for the Working Group and a Plan of work. As other plans of PANDRH WGs, the plan identifies the activities under each objective, the responsible member to lead or execute the task, and, the time frame for the implementation. The Coordinator and the Secretariat will follow up closely the implementation of the Plan.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

to promote and facilitate the implementation of proactive strategies for preventing and combating counterfeit drugs thereby contributing to the improvement of health care

#### OBJECTIVES

- 1) To develop policies and specific strategies for their implementation by countries
- 2) To develop criteria and norms for national legislation and improvement of inspection/investigation processes
- 3) To develop and promote implementation of education and training programs
- 4) To promote information exchange

#### PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	TIME-FRAME	RESP
1. To develop policies and specific strategies for their implementation by countries	1. Develop a road-map product counterfeit evaluation cycle to be implemented by a national focal point Draft Comments from WG Revised version	15 Nov 03 30 Jan 04 30 Apr 04	Canada (S. Ghani)
	2. Design and develop of a flexible structural and operational model for combating drug counterfeiting Draft Comments from WG Revised version	15 Nov 03 30 Jan 04 30 Apr 04	ARG (C. Chiale ) & ALIFAR (M. Maito) PAR (TBC)

	<p>3. To promote inter-country collaboration and cooperation Draft Comments from WG Revised version</p> <p>4. Revise the survey questionnaire for comments and improvements Comments New version</p>	<p>15 Jan 04 15 Marc 04 30 Apr 04</p> <p>15 Nov 03 15 Feb 04</p>	<p>CARICOM (F. Burnett)</p> <p>WG members BRA Collate (M. Graca)</p>
<p>2. To develop criteria and norms for national legislation and improvement of inspection/investigation processes</p>	<p>1. Develop and recommend a checklist and rationale to be included in national legislation Draft Comments by the WG Revised version</p>	<p>15 Nov 03 30 Jan 04 30 Apr 04</p>	<p>VEN (E. Briceño) &amp; ARG (C. Chiale) Col (TBA)</p>
<p>3. To develop and promote implementation of education and training programs</p>	<p>1. To develop a comprehensive and multidisciplinary training programs Draft Outline Comments by WG Discussion &amp; plan of implementation</p> <p>Translation</p> <p>2. To promote distance educational programs using technologies such as internet, website, CD-Rom, videoconferences,</p>	<p>30 Nov 03</p> <p>15 Jan Next meeting Jun 04 July- sep 04</p>	<p>BRA ( M. Da Graca)</p> <p>PANDRH (Translator)</p> <p>FIFARMA(T. Hechmer)</p>



Ind/wholesalers/ph  
Health professionals  
ONG  
DRA  
Customs

E- Document on Good Storage, distribution and Dispensing Practices

G- Implementation of the model in a volunteer country (pilot)

**5.2 *The II Questionnaire to Health Authorities on situation of prevention and combating drug counterfeiting (preliminary version) Only Spanish.***

The questionnaire is presented in Annexe # 3 (only in Spanish). Visitors are invited to send their comments to [dalessir@paho.org](mailto:dalessir@paho.org) or [Smithna@paho.org](mailto:Smithna@paho.org)

The WG/CC Hill review all comments in its next meeting and Hill decide when the survey Hill be implemented.